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## **Abstract of the Invention**

A system and method for reducing the delay of high-priority data in a packet network. A packet is comprised of subpackets. The transmission of subpackets of a first packet having a first priority is suspended in order to send the subpackets of a second packet having a higher priority. When the subpackets of the higher priority second packet have been sent, the transmission of the subpackets of the lower priority first packet is resumed.